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Marcel C. Acosta
National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street, N.W., Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Acosta:

The Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) is seeking renewal of the T-Mobile antenna site at the #286 Water Tower in Beltsville, Maryland. The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) previously reviewed and approved the original installation of this site in October 2004 for a period of five years. Due to the replacement of antennas and equipment cabinets, NCPC approved a five-year extension in March 2008 (copy enclosed). T-Mobile's current installation includes six panel antennas and one microwave dish antenna painted to match the color of the water tower, and three cabinets on a concrete pad within a wood fence enclosure on the ground adjacent to the #286 Water Tower.

All conditions of the approval have been, and continue to be, satisfied. The installation is structurally sound and continues to meet all of the submission requirements. Technological advances have not provided a better alternative that permits the elimination of this antenna site.

As noted in the "Radiofrequency Radiation Analysis" section of the previous approval, the existing installation is in compliance with the Federal Communication Commission's RF radiation guidelines and applicable health and safety regulations adopted by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

I look forward to receiving NCPC's renewal of this antenna site. If you have questions or need additional information please contact me on 301-504-5188 or at Lisa.Bynum@ars.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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